

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
March 18, 1982

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 18, 1982 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Albert Roach, Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman  
Hermon Petty, Member  
Frank Gray, Member  
Clarence F. Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
James Moore, Engineer  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Wendy Wipperman, Governor's Budget Office  
Joe Montgomery, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service  
Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. Earl Burnett, Agricultural Research Service  
Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association

Clyde Gottschalk showed the film featuring Jimmy Dean documenting the State Plan, "Soil and Water Conservation: The Texas Approach".

Chairman Roach called the meeting to order.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the minutes of the January 21, 1982 meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, Garland Boozer, Jr. was appointed district director on the Board of the Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation District # 108 contingent upon receipt of appointment forms signed by the district directors.

The King Soil and Water Conservation District # 168 requested by

letter an allocation of \$2,000 in matching funds for the 1983 fiscal year. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Hermon Petty, the request was approved.

Carl Spencer informed the Board that Vocational Agriculture teachers have been supplied a copy of the State Plan, "Soil and Water Conservation: The Texas Approach". James Moore reported the final proof of the 24 page pictorial summary of the State Plan is at the printers. This publication will be available to Vo-Ag teachers as well as others who are interested in the soil and water conservation district program.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board of the field tests of wetland classification systems to be conducted in eight counties. Wetlands will be mapped according to both Fish and Wildlife Service definitions, Circular 39 and FWS/OBS-79/31. Data on hydric soils and hydrophytic vegetation encountered will be recorded. Results of these tests will be summarized by September 1, 1982.

Carl Spencer discussed the passage of the Farmland Protection Policy Act, PL 97-98 implementing the agricultural land evaluation and site assessment system. This system determines the quality of land for agricultural uses and the sites or areas of land for agricultural viability. The object of the system is to determine land which should be kept in agricultural perpetuity. No action was taken by the Board.

A list giving date, time and location of the 1982 Conservation Area Awards Programs was given to each Board member.

Chairman Roach welcomed the guests.

George Marks reported on staff reduction during the period of 9-23-79 thru 3-7-82. Out of a total reduction of 120 persons, 26 were out of the State office, 25 out of Area offices and 69 out of the field offices.

Status of PL 83-566 watershed planning was given. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board stated its approval of a River Basin study to evaluate drainage needs in the coastal areas of Texas. Mr. Marks reported on progress of soil surveys being financed with State funds in eight designated counties.

Dr. Burnett reported a field day emphasizing cotton will be held July 22, 1982.

Joe Montgomery reported on the NACD Spring Conference held in Washington, D. C. on March 14, 15, 16 and 17. Mr. Montgomery is serving on the Governor's Water Task Force.

Mr. Petty reported on a meeting in Houston on February 24-25, 1982 with Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block. He states that the Secretary is opposed to a land use regulation program overall but strongly believes in cross compliance.

The budget request for fiscal year 1984-85 was discussed. Among items considered were programs on shoreline erosion, watershed construction, acceleration of soil surveys, conservation assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts, technical assistance grants, and conservation information/education. Action on the agency budget request was postponed until the April 22, 1982 meeting.

Mr. Spencer reported on his attendance at the Spring Conference of NACD in Washington, D. C.

James Moore informed the group that a change in PL 83-566 watershed planning procedure is being made and the manual is in the process of being revised.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on April 22, 1982.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on May 20, 1982.

A thank you note was read from Henry Turney, former Board member, representing Area V.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Albert Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chyik  
Secretary

April 22, 1982  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 18, 1982.

April 22, 1982  
Date

[Signature]  
Executive Director